

Curious Things

Farmers' Institutes.

The following are the dates of Farmers' Institutes arranged by the Board of Agriculture for the season 1907-8. The opening of the institutes will be on the first day of September and continue through the day and evening.

Albany, Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1907.

Stamford county, to be arranged.

The educated farmer is he who best knows his business.

The season for operating in the woods and on the coast must necessarily be short, and the weather is so variable that the weather every day should be improved, when the traveling will permit.

Keep the cattle out of the way of wind and storm. A little extra care in protecting the stock from wind and rain, and the milk and milk. No man ever lost anything by taking care of dumb animals.

The season for fall plowing did not close until the first week in October, and farmers in these comfortable winter days have had a grand opportunity to work positively in the very fall of the year.

The New York State Dairyman's Association has recommended that a memorial be raised in honor of the late Col. F. D. Curtis.

day, a distant thistle field is as likely to be transformed seemingly into

Better to spend the time in the barn sheeling the coats of the horses and cattle, than loafing at the corner store. The man with a fine stock on his hands never lacks for something to do.

Now it is the cotton market that is glutted from an over-supply. There was more cotton grown the past year than the world needs. So it is in every line of production. What a country this is!

At the Kennebunk Institute, Prof. Cheesman treated two samples of skim milk from Cooley setting with the Babcock tester, and found on one only a mere trace of butter.

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The quarters in which the calves, the sheep and the pigs have their run should be kept clean and dry at all times. Young animals will not thrive in either filthy or damp inclosures. In cold weather this is especially true. A little extra care in this respect will mean more money out of the business.

The Camden, New Jersey, Preserving Company are now offering on the market cranberry sauce in sealed cans, prepared and put up ready for family use. This will be a great convenience to the housewife, and no doubt will make an opening for increased consumption, provided New Jersey and Cape Cod can produce the fruit.

The value of a grass rod rotted down and mingled with, and made a part of the soil can be very much overestimated. We hear much, theoretically, of the value of a water, and the value of a clover sod, and but little of the value of a grass rod. One of the great advantages of the shorter rotation of crops is the expense of manure created by advance farmers, comes from the thick

half to death at the renowned managerie in the States, playing on the credulity of the public and making such game

The Vermont Dairy School is running a class of fifty students, made up in large measure of adult dairymen, who wish to learn more of their business, that they may be able to get more money out of it. The Quebec Dairymen's Association has sent down five of their most expert operators, at the expense of the association, to enable them to perfect their work in conformity to the latest available knowledge. Hadn't this State better wake up?

Dr. Hoskins says that in twenty-five years' experimenting he has found but three real breeds, long keeping and productive aples. The ones are Scott's Winer, Bethel and Canada Baldwin.

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maned has not given satisfactory results in this State on account of its small size. If we have a sheep that is not so small, and that is like to be corrected by those who have fruited it.

Study new ideas in farm practice, both sides up, before adopting them. Look at the sheep business from the point of view of your condition, your wants. That which is new is not in all cases best, nor is it necessary to try everything. It is necessary to study it, and when you understand the reason why the new is better than the old, then get right out of the ruts and make a change. If you are not sure, do not hesitate to discard the old for that which is better.

It has been discovered by some prominent men that the Cooper sheep, which I used in the following manner, is a sure cure for foot-rot: Dissolve the powder in one-half the quantity of water directed for dipping. Dip this little group of new in sufficient quantity to cover the sheep's hoofs, and walk them quietly through the. Then dip the old sheep in the same solution, and keep the sheep in. Cut off superfluous hair

n bars, and said: solar system, but is common to all visible to us. This instrument has

At the New York State Dairyman's meeting, W. H. Gilbert, a well-known author and lecturer, who he knew a "gentleman who got from here to there" in a "very short time" of six pounds of butter to the hundred. It took between 16 and 17 pounds of milk to a pound of butter during the year. He made a "point" of it, and said that he had "seen his cheese from 6.5 pounds of milk, and his cheese was of such a quality that he could have got 30 cents a pound for it at the market. He gives not only more cheese but a better quality than that of *Hoard's Dairyman* to any of that?"

Mr. P. M. Harwood, formerly of Massachusetts, and who was employed for a time in this State as a lecturer at farmers' institutes, who has been recently elected to the Michigan Agricultural College, which he has accepted. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, and of late has been lecturing at the Ohio Agricultural College in Ohio. It is hard keeping a "library" of

THE KEY OF DEATH. About 1890, a stranger named Fehde, a

A large cow population means prosperity for the entire inhabitants, provided the cows are bred, fed and selected for business purposes. It means increased fertility to the farmer, larger crops for the farmer, and more money in circulation in the neighborhood. It is so with sheep and poultry, and who can say that with improved breeds, and the blessings secured through the enthusiastic labors of special breeders, the same may not be true of beef cattle and hogs. It rarely can so far as the farmer is concerned, and if the dressing be saved and utilized by growing grain for the stock, there will be a

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L. S. Robin, one of the most successful dairymen of the county, gave the following figures of his dairy work from ten to ten o'clock, for 10 months. Butter was made five days in the week, and the other two days the milk was sold:

January.....	163	lb.	00.	oz.
February.....	155	177		
March.....	206	15		
April.....	200	10		
May.....	208	30		
June.....	196	8		
July.....	198	15		
August.....	182	8		
September.....	187	10		
October.....	140	7		
Total.....	1746			

The butter was sold at 25 cents a pound, amounting to \$436 61; milk sold, \$422.77.

distances without the slightest
A few nights ago he got up and
a neighboring village, followed by

partage for \$22.50 per acre, hay, grain and other crops. The farmer, by growing ensilage, and allowing the cattle to eat the silage and glass before cutting, and the cream product at ten cents an inch, will return \$40.00 per cow. It would seem like good business to swell the herd to the full capacity of the farm. These figures can be duplicated by others, who are not so far from the fact. The above figures are a full justification for all the *Farmers' Board of Agriculture*, or the *Grange* workers have ever said in behalf of the dairy? They take milk and dressing will surely pay for the cost of the stock. The above figures are those given by one of our systematic farmers, who by the use of the feeding of this yellow corn ensilage has reduced the expense of keeping and fattening a product of each animal. It looks like good business, and we rejoice at the result obtained, and we rejoice at

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